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SUBJ: MEDRECO NEGOTIATIONS-A FURTHER DELAY OF DEADLINE

UNTIL JULY 31, 1973

REF: BEIRUT 2354, 3970

1. THE ABSENCE OF A GOVERNMENT HAS OBLIGED THE MEDRECO NEGOTIATORS TO GRANT A FURTHER 30-DAY DELAY IN THEIR DEADLINE UNTIL JULY 31, AFTER THE DIFFICULTIES OF LAST MAY HAD ALREADY REQUIRED A FIRST 30-DAY EXTENSION BEYOND THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE OF MAY 31(BEIRUT 2354)

2. THE SECOND 30-DAY EXTENSION WAS GRANTED IN THE FORM OF A LETTER DATED JUNE 28 TO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY. IT WAS DELIVERED BY THE US NEGOTIATORS WHO HAD ARRIVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESUMING THE NEGOTIATIONS. GIVEN THE STATUS OF THE GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME, HOWEVER, RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. THE NEGOTIATORS HAVE, THEREFORE, RETURNED TO THE STATES. HOPEFULLY THE GOL WILL BE IN A POSITION TO NEGOTIATE SOMETIME PRIOR TO JULY 31, IN WHICH EVENT THEY WILL COME BACK TO BEIRUT.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD SEEM THAT AHT ECHANCES FOR REACHING AN AMINCABLE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE GOL AND MEDRECO HAVE DIMINISHED SINCE THE 11TH-HOUR TEMPORARY AGREEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAST FEBRUARY 28. NOT ONLY HAVE CRUDE PRICES SINCE THAT

TIME INCREASED, MAKING A SETTLEMENT LESS ATTRACTIVE FROM
A MEDRECO POINT OF VIEW, BUT THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUA-
TION IS SUCH AS TO MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS ON THE LEBAN-
ESE SIDE MORE DIFFICULT. (INDEED, THE LEBANESE SIDE HAS
ALREADY STATED THAT THE \$10 MILLION PAYMENT OFFERED BY
MEDRECO SHOULD BE INCREASED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR). ASSUMING , THEREFORE, THAT
MEDRECO HAS IN FACT MADE ITS FINAL OFFER AS IS CLAIMED
(MEDRECO'S PAST RECORD IN BEING PREPARED TO EXTENDED DEAD-
LINES TENDS SOMEWHAT TO BELIEVE THIS ASSUMPTION, AT LEAST
IN LEBANESE EYES), THEN A TAKEOVER OF THE REFINERY (WITH
SUBSEQUENT RECOURSE TO ARBITRATION) WOULD APPEAR TO BE
AT LEAST A 50-50 POSSIBILITY.
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